

FREE THE REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA-11

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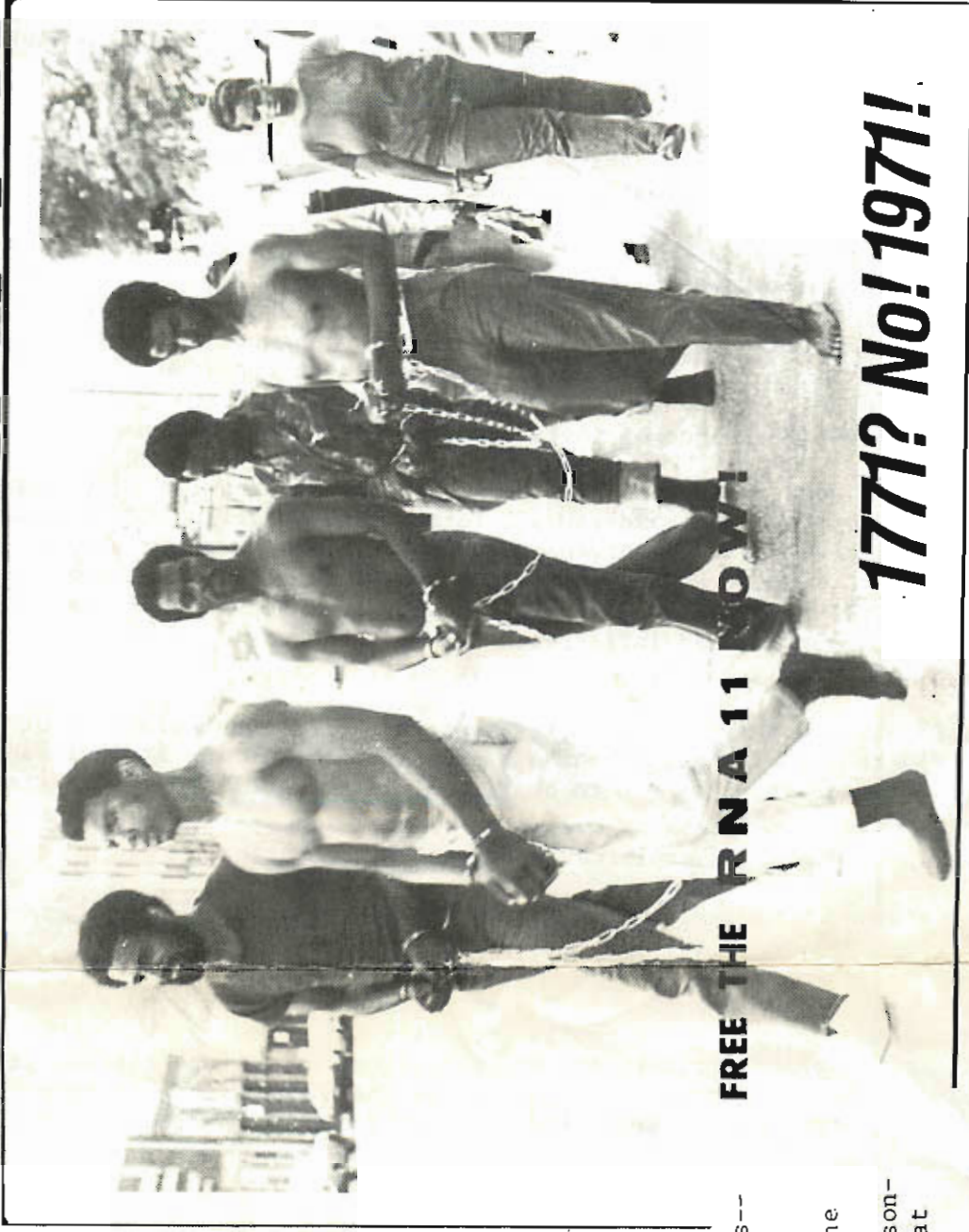
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Black people all across the country are raising the struggle for Human Rights-- against killer cops and the Ku Klux Klan, against sterilization and chemical warfare, for basic survival needs of health care, housing and education. The National Black Human Rights Coalition is sponsoring a mass demonstration at the U.N. on November 5, 1979. - Black Solidarity Day - demanding Human Rights for Black people. The struggle for the recognition of thousands of political prisoners and Prisoners of War, and the fight to free them, is a central part of that struggle. The case of the RNA-11 lies at the heart of the struggle to free Afrikan Prisoners of War.

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FREE THE RNA 11 NOW!

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THE STRUGGLE IS FOR LAND!

Today, five government workers of the Republic of New Afrika (the Black Nation in the u.s.) are in jail.

Part of the group known as the RNA-11, they are serving long prison terms stemming from a pre-dawn military assault by Jackson police and the FBI on the official government residence and office on August 18, 1971.

The Republic of New Afrika-11 were originally charged with waging war against the state of Mississippi and eventually convicted on charges including murder, assault and possession of weapons. Today, eight years later, Imari Obadele, the former President of the RNA, Hekima Ana, Offogga Quddus, Karim Njabafudi and Addis Ababa are still in jail. Hekima, Offogga and Karim, who was 15 at the time of the attack, are serving life sentences, with additional time awaiting them. They remain in jail, despite overwhelming evidence of their innocence that includes:

- the raid was planned in advance by several government agencies, after the Jackson Mayor stated that he had exhausted all legal means to drive the RNA out.
- the police claimed they were serving a warrant, yet no warrant was ever shown; nor had any warrant in the past ever justified the presence of 40 armed men and a tank! Moreover, the FBI knew that the "fugitive" they were looking for was not there, through their own informer who had infiltrated the RNA headquarters.
- the police admit to having fired the first shot.

The case of the RNA-11 exposes the u.s. government as the greatest violator of human rights in the world today. It reveals the u.s. government bringing its whole apparatus of repression and counter-intelligence to bear to imprison Black people fighting for land and freedom. For the maintenance and power of u.s. imperialism rests on the continued subjugation, genocide and exploitation of the Black Nation.

Why did seven government agencies, including the FBI and its COINTELPRO program, and the CIA's operation CHAOS, conspire to destroy the Republic of New Afrika?

The RNA was peacefully organizing to hold a plebiscite among Black people over the question of their citizenship. Black people recognize the five states of the Black Belt South as their national territory and are demanding reparations for 400 years of oppression, exploitation and genocide. Why then did the Mississippi attorney general say the presence of the RNA was an armed insurrection and that he would not protect their first amendment rights?

Why did the government deny the existence of any FBI files on the RNA, claiming they had not been a target of COINTELPRO. Then, after the RNA-11 had exhausted all their appeals, the government released thousands of pages of files, revealing systematic attempts to destroy the RNA since its founding in 1968. These include details of FBI operations to create divisions between the RNA and the Black Panther Party, and records detailing how the FBI caused the RNA to lose land they had legally negotiated to buy from a Mississippi farmer.

The attacks on the RNA are an attack on Black people's right to self-determination. The RNA represents the movement of millions of Black people and organizations in every city in the u.s. Its existence answers the fundamental question of how are Black people going to be free. As Malcolm X said, all revolutions are fought for land and political power. The Republic of New Afrika is the realization of Malcolm X's leadership and the 400 year struggle of Black people for land and freedom.

This is why the RNA is such a threat to u.s. imperialism. It challenges the very basis of u.s. imperialism: stolen land and stolen labor. The liberation of the Black Nation will be a profound defeat for u.s. imperialism and the entire system of white domination and privilege.

In its war against the Black Nation, the u.s. government has had to rely on counter-insurgency and the mobilization of a mass base of white people to fight to maintain the system of white supremacy, through terror. The significance of the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist organizations now is no different than 100 years ago, during Reconstruction. It represents the response by white people against the growth of Black people's struggle and the victories of the national liberation struggles worldwide.

The struggle for human rights sets the terms of all progressive struggles today. Support for the RNA-11 and all Afrikan POW's is necessary for white people who are opposed to genocide and militarism. For the struggle for human rights exposes who the enemy is that must be defeated and who is leading in that struggle.

The struggle to liberate New Afrika and free the RNA-11 is a critical way that white people can take responsibility for our history of participation in the subjugation of Black people and challenge the functioning and maintenance of the white oppressor nation. In so doing, we can participate in the destruction of u.s. imperialism and the building of a truly free society.

FREE THE RNA-11! FREE ALL AFRIKAN POW'S! FIGHT WHITE SUPREMACY!
DEFEAT US IMPERIALISM!